



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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## **FREE DEBRIS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN BURN AREAS** *Use Limited to Property Owners in Unincorporated Areas Clearing Property*

Fire victims in unincorporated areas of San Diego County who need assistance clearing debris from their property can now get help free of charge. County officials contracted with waste haulers to provide debris bins and take them to disposal sites. Several volunteer agencies are available to help move debris to the bins.

"There's a great need to clear property as quickly and safely as possible so that displaced families, seniors and disabled fire victims can continue with their recovery and begin the rebuilding process," said District Two Supervisor Dianne Jacob.

Volunteer organizations such as the Alpha Project, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Mennonite Disaster Services, Urban Corps and Volunteer San Diego will help owners clear debris.

Fifth District Supervisor Bill Horn said, "We're doing everything possible to help fire victims rebuild their homes. However, before you can rebuild you have to clean up, and the bin and removal assistance is part of our commitment to fast and personal service to the public."

Victims who want more information about the program can call the County's Fire Damage Hotline (866) 402-6044. For help removing hazardous materials such as television sets and damaged propane tanks, victims should call 1-(877)-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784).

Those interested in volunteering to help clear debris are asked to call Volunteer San Diego at 858-636-4128 or send e-mail to [volunteer5@volunteersandiego.org](mailto:volunteer5@volunteersandiego.org).

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